



## COVID School Re-entry Frequently Asked Questions\*

*\*This information was developed to address questions specific to beginning the 2020-21 school year. We continue to follow these policies while monitoring information from the CDC as well as data specific to our community.*

### Why is enrollment at an independent school an advantage in the current situation?

Because we are not a public school, our Administration and School Board are empowered to make decisions in the best interest of our families without interference or micromanagement from a state agency. That ability, coupled with small class sizes and lower group numbers, places CCCA in a position to ensure continuity of learning while maintaining best safety and health practices.

### Will class sizes remain small? How will music, art, and PE be implemented?

We will continue to offer a personalized education approach to all students, maintaining a teacher to student ratio of 1:12 or less. Schedules will be adjusted to follow small group protocols and sanitization procedures.

### Will the school check employee and student temperatures when school begins?

Staff and student temperatures will be checked upon entry through the school office, commons room, and as needed.

### Will the school use the playground, basketball court, courtyard, restrooms, and other common areas?

These areas will be used with limited capacity and with enhanced safety protocols, guidelines, and expectations.

### What about lunchtime? Will water fountains be used? (updated to reflect current policy)

Students will eat in the lunchroom among classmates while distancing from other groups. Students are required to bring a refillable water bottle to school daily and adhere to safe re-filling protocols instead of water fountains.

### Will the school provide cleaning products for teachers and classrooms?

Yes. This is our normal procedure at CCCA; however, requirements will be tightened and strictly enforced. Hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, hand soap, and disinfectant will be distributed throughout the school. Students and teachers will be required to use hand sanitizer and hand soap at strict intervals.

### Will teachers and students be required to wear masks? (updated to reflect current policy)

Students and staff are required to wear masks when traveling through common areas. Students are required to wear a mask when arriving at school and at dismissal. Masks are not required within the classroom. Teachers and students may choose to wear a mask.

### Will CCCA move to remote learning if an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19?

Not necessarily. Current recommendations will be followed, which may require a classroom be closed for deep cleaning. The affected class will relocate to an alternate classroom during that time.

### What if a teacher or student reports they have been "exposed" to COVID-19?

Exposure will not require a class or the school to automatically move to remote learning. Confidentiality will be maintained and testing of the employee or student will be required before returning to school.

### What if someone in my family tests positive and we are quarantined? (updated to reflect current policy)

The student will move to "remote learning" while quarantined at home and, assuming no symptoms and/or new positive diagnosis, return to school in approximately 14 days. Academic needs will be provided for and the absences treated as an excused occurrence.

### What if things change and the school is forced to move to remote learning?

Remote learning will be well-structured, with teachers using the same technology, format, schedules, and live instructional sessions.

- English, reading, math, science, and history will be taught effectively with schedules adjusted for age-appropriate duration
- Students will attend live sessions via the internet with all sessions recorded
- Assignments will be given for the entire week with specific methods of returning completed assignments made available